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Mayhem on Stage in the Cuyahoga Valley

Brecksville, Ohio - On Saturday, May 5, 2007, Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA) welcome the string band Rani Arbo and *daisy mayhem* to the stage at 8 p.m. at Happy Days Visitor Center as part of the Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series. The Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. Admission: \$15 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children 3 - 12. Doors open at 7 p.m. General seating. Advance ticket sales are available by calling (330) 657- 2909.

With wicked grooves, sublime lead singing, great harmonies, sparkling original songs, and a deep repertoire that spans 200 years of American music, Rani Arbo and *daisy mayhem* are an unusually gleeful string band that celebrates both tradition and improvisation. Start with a fiddle, a guitar, and a standup bass. Add a cardboard box with a suitcase bass drum and tin can cymbals played by an ex-rock and zydeco drummer. Over that fine groove, hang Rani Arbo's expressive alto, seamless four-part harmonies, and a splash of banjo and ukulele.

The Boston Globe described the band's style as "neo old-timey with cosmopolitan splashes of contemporary pop and jazz." It's an exuberant mix of musical idioms, held together by superb musicianship, impeccable taste, and the band's charismatic vocals. A stage show dips into country blues, vintage swing, modern songwriter fare, and Appalachian fiddle tunes and songs. This is a band that picks up what's lying around - from tin cans to traditional music - and creates something new.

Rani Arbo is the fiddler, lead singer, and founder of *daisy mayhem*. Andrew Kinsey is featured on double bass, ukulele, and banjo, Anand Nayak plays guitar and vocals and Scott Kessel pilots the "Drumship Enterprise," a recycled drum kit comprised of a cardboard box, cat food tins, a Danish butter cookie tin, and a suitcase.

To obtain a digital image of Rani Arbo and *daisy mayhem*, contact Karen Kopchak at karen_kopchak@nps.gov or (440) 546- 5994.

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Upcoming Concerts:

Friday, May 18: *Back of the Moon* (Traditional Scottish)

Saturday, May 26: Peggy Seeger and John McCutcheon (Traditional Folk/Singer/Songwriter)*

Happy Days Visitor Center is located at 500 West Streetsboro in Peninsula, 1 mile west of State Route 8, is a restored Civilian Conservation Corps structure that provides a rustic ambiance for folk and traditional concerts, theater, lectures, and ranger- led programs.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva or www.dayinthevalley.com or call (216)524- 1497 or (800)445- 9667.

CVNPA, in partnership with the National Park Service and CVNP, provides innovative education programs and fosters community awareness, support, and enjoyment of the park. For more information about CVNPA and its membership program, visit www.cvnpa.org or call (330) 657-2909.

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